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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st December

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Bedale Rural District Council,

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(1) One Medical Officer of Health (part time)
(2) One Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor (full time)
(3) One Waterworks Manager (full time)

STATISTICS.

Area	43,302 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1952)	8,068.
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books (end of 1952)	2,101.
Rateable Value of the Area	£38,710.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate...	£155. 18. 8½d
Number of New Houses completed during 1952	20.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live Births	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Legitimate	55	56	111)	Birth Rate
Illegitimate	3	0	3)	14.1
	58	56	114	

Stillbirths.

No stillbirths were recorded during the year.

Deaths.	Male	Female	Total	
	44.	41	85	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 10.5.

Deaths from Maternal Causes ... ... Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	8.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	8.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	Nil.

REDCAR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

North Riding of Yorkshire

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ending 31st December
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To the Chairman and Members of the
Redcar Rural District Council.

MADAM,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report
for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

One Medical Officer of Health (part time)
One Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor (full time)
One Waterworks Manager (full time)

STATISTICS.

Area	43,302 Acres.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1952)	8,068.
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books (end of 1952)	2,101.
Rateable Value of the Area	£36,710.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate...	£155. 18. 6d.
Number of New Houses completed during 1952	20.

FACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live Births	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Legitimate	55	56	111	Birth Rate
Illegitimate	3	0	3	14.1
	58	56	114	

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	44	47	91	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 10.5.

Deaths from Maternal Causes ... ... Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All Infants per 1,000 live births	8.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	8.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory facilities.
(b) Ambulance Services.
(c) Clinics and Treatment Centres.
(d) Hospitals.
(e) Nursing Services.

The above services continue to give satisfaction and have adequately met the needs of the District during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

W A T E R.

(1) QUANTITY.

The water supply over the whole area has been satisfactory with the exception of the higher elevated places, namely Crakehall and Thornton Watlass and neighbouring Villages where shortages have occurred during the hours of peak draw. The Council is making every effort to overcome these troubles and has made provision for meeting the peak demand in these places by constructing a service tank at Thornton Watlass at an elevation (425 feet above O.D.) sufficient to prevent the overdrawing of the mains and to maintain an adequate and more constant pressure of water to all consumers in these higher elevated parts of the District.

Similarly, to overcome the difficulty in the Cowling and neighbouring districts, the Council proposes to construct a service reservoir of not less than 125,000 gallons capacity at Pasture Hill near Cowling at an elevation of 428 feet above O.D.

During the year the water level in the well at Bellerby was very consistent and at no time seriously affected.

(2) QUALITY.

The water both at Bedale and the Leyburn area has been very satisfactory, eighteen samples having been taken from bib taps etc. supplied from the Council's mains. All these were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis and in all cases proved satisfactory.

(3) MAINS EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

During the year, mains extensions have been carried out at South End, Bedale, and Burneston, which will afford adequate supplies of water to the farms and dwellinghouses in these districts.

Approximately 2,200 yards of galvanised iron water main at Gatenby has been replaced by 3" cast iron pipe.

(4) CONSUMPTION.

Approximate daily consumption in the Bedale Rural District.	265,000 galls.
Approximate daily consumption in the Leyburn Rural District.	40,000 galls.
Leeming Aerodrome.	95,000 galls.
Approximate total daily consumption.	400,000 galls.

(5) CONNECTIONS AND METERS.

During the year 39 connections have been taken from our mains and 21 meters installed to supply farms and private houses in the Bedale Rural District.

SOCIAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities.
(b) Ambulance Services.
(c) Clinics and Treatment Centres.
(d) Hospitals.
(e) Nursing Services.

The above services continue to give satisfaction and have ably met the needs of the District during the year.

PHYSICAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

W A T E R.

QUANTITY.

The water supply over the whole area has been satisfactory with the exception of the higher elevated places, namely Oranmoll and Thornton Ventures and neighbouring Villages where shortages have occurred during the hours of peak draw. The Council is making every effort to overcome these troubles and has made provision for meeting the peak demand in these places by constructing a service tank at Thornton Ventures at an elevation (425 feet above O.D.) sufficient to prevent the overdrawing of the mains and to maintain an adequate and more constant pressure of water to all consumers in these higher elevated parts of the District.

Similarly, to overcome the difficulty in the Dowling and neighbouring districts, the Council proposes to construct a service reservoir of not less than 125,000 gallons capacity at Pasture Hill near Dowling at an elevation of 428 feet above O.D.

During the year the water level in the well at Dalkeith was very constant and at no time seriously affected.

QUALITY.

The water both at Bodalla and the Levyum area has been very satisfactory, electrical sampling having been taken from bib taps etc. supplied from the Council's mains. All these were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis and in all cases proved satisfactory.

MAIN EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

During the year, main extensions have been carried out at South End, Bodalla, and Narrisdon, which will afford adequate supplies of water to the farms and dwellings in these districts.

Approximately 2,200 yards of galvanised iron water main at Narrisdon has been replaced by 3" cast iron pipe.

CONSUMPTION.

Approximate daily consumption in the Bodalla Rural District.	205,000 gallons.
Approximate daily consumption in the Levyum Rural District.	40,000 gallons.
Loretine Aerodrome.	95,000 gallons.
Approximate total daily consumption.	400,000 gallons.

CONNECTIONS AND METERS.

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SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No alterations have been made to the sewage disposal arrangements during the year under review nor has it been possible to obtain the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to commence any new schemes. The old disposal works, therefore, are continuing in use and are maintained as efficiently as possible but the quantity of sewage they are handling is steadily increasing resulting in unsatisfactory effluents being produced in many villages. Complaints regarding these effluents are becoming more numerous and it is hoped that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government will at least allow the Council to proceed with the more urgent schemes without delay.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of refuse in the District continues to be carried out by the Council's own vehicles and the system has continued satisfactorily during the year.

Refuse is disposed of in two tips, one at Bedale and one at Well. These are kept as tidy as possible and are regularly treated to prevent infestation with rats.

The conversion of privies to water closets has continued, 20 privies have been converted during the year. The lack of proper sewers and sewage disposal works, however, prevents large scale conversions being carried out.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council's rodent control service has continued and during the year 51 cases of rat infestations at various types of property have been dealt with. It would appear that the public are taking increasing advantage of this service which is free of cost so far as dwelling houses are concerned.

HOUSING

The erection of Council Houses has proceeded smoothly during the year. Shortage of bricks caused some small delays in building but this did not seriously affect the years programme. Thirteen houses were completed and occupied and thirty houses were in course of erection at the end of the year. A total of 101 houses have been completed since 1946 and there are now 137 Council owned houses in the area, excluding three houses at The Bridge, Bedale and six Bungalows at Leeming Bar.

Private house building has continued, seven houses were completed and seven houses were in course of erection at the year end. Forty private houses have now been completed since 1945.

The hutted camp site at West Tanfield has been largely cleared and the area is being re-developed as a housing site. This site should be completely cleared early in 1953.

The Women's Land Army Hostel at Leeming Bar which was converted into six self-contained bungalows has continued to provide satisfactory housing accommodation.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Meat supplies for the area continue to be allocated from the Ministry of Food slaughterhouses at Northallerton where all carcases are inspected before delivery. Meat inspection at the Vale of Mowbray Bacon Factory, Leeming Bar, is carried out after each day's slaughtering and approximately 275 visits have been made for this purpose. The factory is being continually improved and handling and production methods are very good. 59,609 pigs have been slaughtered during the year and the statement of meat condemned in

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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION, (cont.)

relation to animals slaughtered is attached.

Small quantities of tinned food at retail shops in the area have been condemned due largely to defects in the tin allowing decomposition to take place.

MILK SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

The dairies and milk supply methods generally are satisfactory. Much of the milk supplied in the area is received by the retailers ready bottled by the wholesaler, bottles being returned to the wholesaler for cleansing.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1952

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)					59,609.
Number Inspected					59,609.
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned					61.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					651.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis					1.194.
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned					35.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					1,991.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis					3.398

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases.	Deaths.
Pneumonia	11.	Nil.
Scarlet Fever	10.	Nil.
Erysipelas	2.	Nil.
Measles	10.	Nil.
Whooping Cough	48.	Nil.
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil.
Poliomyelitis	1.	Nil.
Food Poisoning	6.	Nil.

As the above tabulation shows the incidence of infectious disease has not been great and calls for no special comment.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES

	Ages.	Localisation
Males (two cases)	31	Lungs.
	34	Lungs.
Females (one case)	17	Lungs.

DEATHS

Females (one case)	36	Lungs.

In concluding my Report, I should again like to record my indebtedness to Mr. Dunning and Mr. Jameson for their valuable help throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
ALAN W. HANSELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

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